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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14TH, 1903.

READING recent telegrams bearing on the political situation at home the faithful words which scripture has made well known "Mene mene tekel upharsen" suggest themselves. The British Government have surely seen the handwriting on the wall, and it can only be a matter of months before they realise that the end has come. True, they may on an appeal to the country, return with a semblance of power, but it does not require the gift of prophecy to realise that the Liberal Party has passed its zenith. Whether it will coalesce with the Conservatives and Unionists or be swallowed up by the Labour and Socialist Party is not for us to say, but it is apparent that the advent of a new political party has not made for the best interests of traditional Liberalism. As a rule, home politics have little more than an academic interest for us in the East except perhaps when, like the opium question, they have a direct bearing on our welfare, and we do not feel greatly concerned whether a Home Ruler is returned for Pudsey or a Passive Resister is elected to represent West Ham, but as the two great parties are popularly supposed to have distinguishing colonial and foreign policies we are interested in knowing which party is to hold the seals of office. For that reason, if for no other, the present political situation claims our attention.

Perhaps the most conspicuous failure of the Government was their attempt to solve the education problem of England. Their first Bill passed the Commons, but was rejected by the Lords, and their second effort which was anticipated with so much hope has met with even less success. Then the much-discussed Licensing Bill met a fate similar to the first Education Bill, and now the Upper House has rejected another important measure, the second Scottish Land Bill. The fact that the House of Lords, which on other occasions has correctly interpreted the opinion of the country, has dared to throw out so many measures without raising any general outcry, is proof that the second chamber is fully alive to its responsibilities and does not act from mere wantonness or prejudice. The Government may imagine that the Lords, in doing what they have done, are "filling up the cup" but another aspect of the case is that the Government is itself riding to a fall. Its most important proposals have been negated. The cry of the unemployed heard throughout the land cannot sound pleasant in the ears of Cabinet ministers, and the raucous voice of the Suffragettes everywhere piercing the air must give them moments of disquietude, not to speak of the mournful tolling which indicates ministerial defeats at bye-elections. The Government prospect is indeed far from promising. Everybody's hand seems raised against them. Labour is dissatisfied, the shrieking sisterhood is far from content, Nonconformists are disgusted with their friends, the licensed trade is at open war, and the Home Rulers have not yet been pacified. The forces of opposition are daily growing, and it is apparent that the appeal to the country cannot long be delayed.

It is, of course, quite possible that the Liberals may be again returned to office, but it is apparent to the student of politics that the day of big majorities is over. Were it not for the weakness and divisions which still characterise the Opposition, they might reasonably hope to resume government responsibility on the next dissolution, but even their most sanguine supporter can scarcely hope for such a result. The two great parties being split up into numerous factions, and the Labour and Socialist Party, aggressive, though divided, makes any forecast of the future unusually hazardous. Immediate success will fall to the party which can amalgamate the various heterogeneous elements into an effective voting force, but such success will only be of a temporary nature and we may anticipate a future of many parties and many changes.

At the Magistracy on Saturday Mr. J. R. Wood sentenced a native to six weeks' imprisonment for giving false information regarding pawned clothing.

Mr. G. A. Woodcock's appointment to act as Deputy Registrar and Accountant, Supreme Court, during the absence on leave of Mr. J. W. Lee Jones or until further notice, is gazetted.

Four suspects have been arrested in connection with the recent robbery at the village of Chung-shan. They were charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy on Saturday and remanded.

Before the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court on Saturday a boatwoman was fined \$5 for carrying cargo other than passengers' baggage in her passenger boat.

A native, who was found guilty by Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy on Saturday of stealing \$300 worth of electric cable, the property of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

This afternoon the annual sale of work promoted by the sisters of the French Convent takes place at the City Hall. The selection of fine work is one that will specially appeal to ladies, but the Sisters will be glad to see gentlemen also present.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk C.M.G., to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further period of six years, with effect from the 21st October, 1903.

In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate Mr. Clementi, as representative of Hongkong, to assist the British Imperial Delegates at the forthcoming International Conference on Opium at Shanghai.

Friday and Saturday, December 25th and 26th, and Friday and Saturday, January 1st and 2nd, will be kept as public holidays in the Colony. The Police Magistrate's Department is excluded from the operation of the Public Holidays Ordinance on Saturday 26th December, and Saturday, 2nd January.

The Admiralty announce the appointment of Engineer-Commander W. W. Hardwick to the *Tamar*, additional, for charge of machinery of the *Wiven* and for Fleet duties to date 10th Nov. also of C. H. Carroll, to the *Gio*, re-appointed as Assistant Paymaster in Charge, and as Acting Interpreter in French, on recommissioning, to date September 24th.

H. M. S. *King Alfred* left yesterday on a cruise to Saigon and Singapore.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—Ordinance No. 19 of 1903.—An Ordinance to amend The Fire Insurance Companies Ordinance 1903; Ordinance No. 20 of 1903.—An Ordinance to amend The Interpretation Ordinance 1897 and to remove any ambiguity in the construction of the same; and Ordinance No. 21 of 1903.—An Ordinance to amend The Companies Ordinance 1865.

Inspector J. Kerr, of the Hongkong Police, and his wife, arrived in the Colony on Saturday from Australia by the German steamer *Prinz Waldemar*. The popular inspector, who has been on leave for the past nine months, was warmly welcomed back by his many friends, and by none more enthusiastically than the Police officers, who "pressed" him into the eleven who defeated the B.G.A. in the league match on Saturday. Inspector Kerr will probably take charge of No. 2 Police Station at Wanchai, Inspector Fenton, the present head, reverting to head quarters.

A regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under the Vehicles Regulation Ordinance of 1899 states that chairs proceeding along Battery Path in Victoria or on that part of Plunkett Road leading up from Chamberlain Road to the Peak Club in the Peak District are not allowed to go abreast at all. If two chairs are discovered going abreast, that on the right hand side shall be deemed to have violated this regulation. Any violation of this regulation shall be deemed to have been committed in the case of a public licensed chair by the bearers, and in that of a private unlicensed chair by the occupant.

The Rt. Rev. Archbishop Kelly, of Sydney, who is returning from the Eucharistic Congress in London, preached an eloquent sermon yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Church to a numerous congregation. The subject taken by the preacher was "The peace and unity of the Roman Catholic Church." Both the eloquence and the matter of the sermon were much appreciated by the audience as he was distinctly heard all over the Church. Subsequently the Benediction of Holy Sacrament given by the same Rt. Rev. Archbishop in his Pontifical robes closed the Divine Service. His Grace has been invited to deliver a lecture at the Catholic Union's Reading Room to-night at 9.15 to which the public are cordially invited.

His Excellency the Governor accompanied by the A.D.C. and Private Secretary and by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Captain Heathcote, A.D.C., Sir Alexander Hosie, Colonel Darling, C.B.E., Colonel Chanier, C.R.A., Colonel Bayard, Captain Murray Stewart, D.A.A., and Q.M.G., and Captain Hart-Synnot, D.A.A.G., paid a visit on Saturday afternoon to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's establishment at Kowloon, where the party was received by Mr. J. W. Graham, who most courteously showed them over every part of the Works. His Excellency expressed astonishment at the extent and variety of the work undertaken by the Company, the efficiency of the supervision, the skill of the Chinese employees, and the up-to-date machinery and plant. After expressing his thanks to Mr. Mitchell for his courtesy, His Excellency and party left by launch to inspect the Eastern Defences and were received at Devil's Peak Pier by Captain Hutchinson, R.A.

The English Mail of the 14th November was delivered in London on the 11th inst.

The Shanghai Amateur Dramatic Club are staging "Peter's Mother" at the Lyceum Theatre.

The funeral of the late Empress Dowager is fixed for the fourth day of the second moon of next year (February 23rd).

The first ice in the river at Tientsin was seen this winter on November 27th. It was expected that the port would be closed by the 10th inst.

The latest mail brings news of the death of Col. W. J. Alt, C.B. V.D., who is described as an old Shanghai hand and long a resident at Nagasaki.

The Grand Secretariat has requested the Wai-wu to notify the various Ministers abroad that the birthday of the Emperor Hsien Tung will be kept on the 15th day of the first moon in each year.

A safe was stolen from Messrs. Brunner Mond and Company's offices at Shanghai on the night of the 5th inst., and was subsequently found in a field off Markham Road, but the contents, estimated to value Tls. 3,000, were missing. Five men and two women are charged with being concerned in the robbery.

Sir Joseph Joel Duveen, head of the firm of Duveen Brothers, the well-known art dealers, died on 10th ult. at Hyères. He made a great reputation on Oriental china, and had formed (among others) the famous Garland collection, which after Mr. Garland's death was bought by Mr. Pierpont Morgan.

The little Church at the Peak was filled to overflowing on Saturday afternoon when Miss Z. Young, one of the nursing sisters of the Government Civil Hospital, was married to Mr. A. T. Walker, one of the assistant engineers in the Public Works Department. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of Mrs. Phelps, at Mount Kellott.

Another Chinese loan in view is one of 1,500,000 taels for forestry purposes. H. E. Tong Shao Yi, who has gone to Washington on a special ambassadorial mission, had the matter in hand and intended, it is said, to negotiate with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The matter remains in abeyance during his absence, other means of providing the necessary funds having failed.

Many officials in Peking have been punished for not wearing the proper mourning attire. Among the regulations issued affecting the people as a whole is one prohibiting the firing of crackers within the present year. There was an eclipse of the moon on the 8th inst. and an edict was issued a few days before forbidding the customary beating of gongs to frighten away the bad which is supposed to swallow that orb.

The official mourning for the late Emperor and Empress Dowager of China expired on Saturday. Red shops are again to be used on official dispatches. The Constitutional Bureau has had the despatches from various Powers to China on the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager bound, and has entitled the volume the "Sympathy of the Five Continents on the Imperial Death." These are to be sent to various educational chambers for the information of the people.

Sir Robert Bredon, acting Inspector-General of Customs, accompanied by the Senior Members of the Inspectorate Staff, Messrs. Hillier, Chief Secretary; Pirry, Postal Secretary; and Hemmeling, Chinese Secretary, attended by special arrangement, in the Imperial Palace to pay their respects to the remains of the late Empress Dowager. The acting Inspector-General was accorded the treatment of an official of the First Class, and he and his staff made their bows in the presence of the Imperial coffins at the same place as officials of that rank. The *Shanghai Times* believe that this is the first occasion on which any members of the Customs service, other than the Inspector-General, have attended any ceremonial in the Palace.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

December, 11th.

THE S.S. "FATSHAN" INCIDENT. The Self-Government Association are still agitating. They have printed many of the hostile speeches made in connection with the affair and are now circulating them all over the province. Anti-foreign feeling is daily increasing and spreading, and if the Foreign Governments do not unite in taking prompt steps to crush it now, there will be serious trouble before long.

The Chinese have composed many songs on the s.s. *Fatshan* incident and the following is a translation of one sung in *Fatshan* by a popular singer named Loong Chaw Ng:— "Methinks Chinese are closed lower than ants. A kick sends him to another world. For the killing of two missionaries in Shanghai."

The Germans got a Bay, and apologies mines and railways galore are ceded. A whole province is the price of two lives. Why is Ho Tai Yin's case left in oblivion? Sang Kai Chi is guilty of murder!

The case being proved, why is he set free? How sorrowful to think of such an unbearable thing!

Stir up brethren or we shall become as insignificant as a grain of sand."

Note—Sang Kai Chi, meaning "young cock" is the nickname of the watchman C. Noronha.

GAMBLING ON THE TONKIN FRONTIER. It is reported that numerous gambling establishments are existing on the Tonkin frontier. Sometime ago Taotais Koon and Kwok of Lim-chow and Yam-chow Prefectures issued orders strictly prohibiting all officers and soldiers from crossing the frontier to gamble.

Recently numerous labourers and traders of Tung Hing and Mat Yee have crossed over to gamble and there is now a perfect craze amongst the Chinese people to cross the frontier for the sole purpose of gambling. The people on the border of Lim-chow and Yam-chow are very poor and on account of these gambling establishments being permitted to exist in the Tonkin frontier their money is daily pouring into a foreign country. Koon Taotai has been exhorting the merchants and the people there to abstain from crossing the frontier to gamble but has been unable to prevent them. He has deputed officials to interview the French authorities on the frontier, but the latter are said to have refused to interfere there is no means of prohibiting gambling in the Tonkin frontier.

The people of the Yam and Lim Prefectures will suffer seriously, Taotai Koon says and he has cabled to Viceroy Chang to communicate with the French Consul on the matter requesting him to forward the complaint to the Governor-General of Tonkin with a request that stern measures may be taken to suppress gambling.

TWO JAPANESE STEAMERS WRECKED. NEARLY SIX HUNDRED LIVES LOST. A storm raged on the coast of North China between the 25th and 26th November. Two Japanese steamers sank in these waters, and about 600 lives were lost. The Japanese warship *Takao* was despatched from Port Arthur to search for bodies.

One of the ill-fated vessels is the *Nagatsunaru* 772 (860 tons), owned by Mr. Nagata, of Osaka. She sank at a point 20 miles east of Chefoo. Her hull sank, and only the masts appear above water. She had a crew of about 20 and 70 passengers (including three Japanese), of whom only one Chinese arrived drift on the western coast of Chefoo. The rest seem to have been drowned. The survivor says that the steamer reached a point off Chefoo about 5 a.m. on the 26th, but in consequence of a heavy sea her boiler was damaged and the vessel was disabled. While adrift she was swamped and wrecked. Her Captain was Mr. U. Fukuda.

The other steamer was the *Ginsei-maru* (487 tons), owned by Mr. Tanaka, of Kishiwada, near Osaka. She sank off Wei-hai-wei on the 26th. It is feared that the whole of her crew and passengers, 500 in number, were drowned. The steamer was commanded by Capt. H. Matsunori. *Japan Gazette*.

TELEGRAMS.

[“DAILY PRESS” EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

SERIOUS CRISIS AT VENEZUELA.

LONDON, December 13th. The Dutch warships at Venezuela have cleared for action.

DEMAND FOR LOWER CABLE RATES.

LONDON, December 13th. An influential meeting held at the Mansion House has passed a resolution demanding lower cable rates.

THE PREMIER AND THE LORDS.

LONDON, December 13th. Mr. Asquith has declared that the veto of the House of Lords will be the dominating issue in the next session of Parliament.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

AUSTRIA AND THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, December 10th. It is stated in Vienna that the terms of Austria's reply to the Russian Note regarding the Conference, transmitted on the 8th inst., promise a favourable continuance of negotiations.

LATER.

The attitude of Austria has changed in the past few days, it is supposed under the influence of Berlin. Austria is now manifesting a conciliatory disposition and a willingness to negotiate with Turkey.

The Vienna *Neue Freie Presse* reports, and the Ottoman Ambassador to Berlin has wired to Constantinople, that Prince Buelow strongly advises Count Aehrenthal to come to terms with Turkey, because perilous developments may arise at any moment.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 10th. The Duma has passed a Government Bill for closing the free ports on the Amur and in Transbaikalia. The supporters of the measure declared that closing was necessary to end the peaceful conquest of the territories by foreigners.

THE UNITED STATES BUDGET.

LONDON, December 10th. The yearly report of Mr. Cortelyou anticipates a deficit of \$29,000,000, to cover which extensive taxation will be necessary.

THE TURKISH NAVY.

LONDON, December 10th. Great Britain has agreed to lend an Admiral to Turkey, to re-organise the Turkish Navy.

GERMANY AND THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

LONDON, December 11th. Prince Buelow speaking in the Reichstag said the limitation of armaments was desirable, but the difficulties were considerable; moreover Germany strategically was in the most unfavourable position in the world. The foreign situation may become worse at any moment, and the peace of Germany seriously threatened, if her armaments were below the standard which the European situation demanded. He deprecated criticism of the difficulties of Austria, and considered that peace was best served by a clear pronouncement of the seriousness with which Germany regarded her duties to her ally.

THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

LONDON, December 11th. The Melbourne House of Representatives has passed a Bill rendering shipowners liable to a fine of £100 for every Chinese stowaway.

GERMANY IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 11th. The Foreign Minister has stated in the Reichstag that it is not deemed expedient to immediately withhold troops from China, as it might have a quieting effect on the population at the present juncture, but the Government is determined to considerably reduce the force as soon as possible.

NEW TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

A case of armed robbery accompanied by murder is reported to have taken place at the village of San Jik, Taipei, on Saturday night. Particulars have not yet come to hand.

THE BANDMANN COMEDY CO.

"THE SILVER KING"

We do not think that what used to be called by the Londoners "transportation" melodrama is much to the taste of Hongkong audiences, but Wilson Barrett's powerful drama "The Silver King" has won so great a renown in the play-going world since its first production a quarter of a century ago that those who may not have seen it welcome the opportunity afforded by the Bandmann company of seeing it. There were doubtless many among the large audience at the Theatre on Saturday night who witnessed the play for the first time, and there were certainly not a few who went with the idea that the Bandmann Comedy Co. were staging a comedy—something light and provocative of mirth. Whatever may have been the preconceived notions of the audience, there must have been perfect unanimity upon the fact that the piece was staged with remarkable success.

The story of the piece centres around the career of Wilfred Denver who soon after his marriage squanders his fortune on the race course. Desperate and in a state of intoxication he drops in upon a friend and while waiting half asleep in a chair thieves enter the apartment. Denver is easily dragged, and while the thieves are arranging to "crack the crib," Denver's friend, Geoffrey Weir, comes upon the scene and is promptly shot by The Spider, the leader of the gang. The jewels are secured, and the thieves disappear. When Denver awakes and sees his dead friend, he argues that he must have murdered him in a drunken brawl. Tormented by this horrible thought he rushes home, and confides the story to his affectionate wife who helps him to escape in disguise. He takes a train for Liverpool, but knowing that police detectives would be quickly on the scent, he leaves the train at the earliest opportunity so as to elude them. For twenty-four hours he lives in constant dread of being captured at any moment. Then he sees in the evening paper that the train by which he travelled had been in collision, that several carriages had been burnt and many passengers incinerated, his own name being mentioned among them. A new hope suddenly dawns. He immediately resolves to change his name, flee the country and enter on a fresh career. In his absence his wife lives in dire poverty, obliged from one place to another through inability to pay the rent. The faithful old butler had parted with his savings to enable his master to escape, and now in his old age remains to support his former mistress and her two children in the evil days that have come upon them. Wilfred Denver eventually returns to England incognito, a wealthy man, having made a huge fortune at the silver mines of Nevada which earned for him the cognomen of the Silver King. In the hour of his family's most dire distress he comes accidentally upon the old butler. He begs the butler not to inform his wife, and furnishes him with the means of reestablishing the family in the old mansion. Mrs. Nivern being told that a fortune had been left to the faithful butler by a distant relative. Wilfred Nivern meanwhile succeeds in establishing his innocence of the murder and the play ends with the husband and wife reunited.

It will be recognised that the play affords fine scope for the talent of the players to whom the leading characters are allotted. Mr. Charles Vane interpreted the character of Wilfred Denver with convincing realism, while Miss Florence Hainer's impersonation of Denver's wife was a highly finished piece of acting. Mr. Thomas Sydney successfully took the part of the old butler, and Mr. Douglas Vigors capably impersonated The Spider. Altogether it was a powerful and convincing representation of the drama, and the verdict of the audience is perhaps best described in the language of the lady who said "I enjoyed it immensely, but I could not, for the life of me, keep from unravelling the whole of the time, so realistically were the parts taken."

To-night the Company give "The Night of the Party."

TRAMCAR ACCIDENT.

What was at first thought to be a fatal accident, but which fortunately did not prove so serious, took place on Saturday afternoon near the Praya East Hotel. Ganner W. Fay, of the 88th Company, R.G.A., was a passenger on a tram car and on reaching the hotel he got out of the car on the wrong side and as he jumped to the ground he was struck by a car travelling downwards which he did not notice approaching. He was thrown to the ground and injured about the head and face. He was conveyed to the Military Hospital and an Army doctor who examined him declared that his injuries were not of a serious nature.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE INSTALLATION.

The installation of officers of St. John's Lodge, S.C., took place on Saturday night at the Masonic Hall and was followed by the usual banquet which was regarded as one of the most successful held this season. The installation ceremony was conducted by the Right Wor. D.G.M. Dr. Jordan and the following officers were installed:—Right Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. G. Sim; Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. H. Jilings; Wor. Senior Warden, Bro. A. Course; Wor. Junior Warden, Bro. W. Robertson; Treasurer, Bro. A. Ritchie; Chaplain, Bro. E. B. King; Secretary, Bro. W.H.T. Beams; Organist, Bro. W. Anderson; Senior Deacon, Bro. W. Glendonning; Junior Deacon, Bro. J. Deyney; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. Craik; Inner Guard, Bro. F. Hoggard; First Steward, Bro. G. Watt; Second Steward, Bro. S. J. B. Bely; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

"To spit or not to spit" that is the question. The Sanitary Board worried over it and dodged it. Now it is exercising the minds of our legislators who wear a look of perturbation and ask themselves in the words of our old friend Hamlet "whether it is nobler in the mind to suffer the stings and arrows of outrageous habits or take up arms against a sea of trouble and, by opposing, end them." How great a poet was Shakespeare. His language is still applicable to the present day even in this distant outpost of Empire.

But seriously why all this bother? The Chinese in Hongkong, and those who come to our haven, naturally expect to find different conditions and different laws to those prevailing on the mainland, and if we are to be deterred by an ultra tender conscience from looking after the interests of the community by asking the people to be a little less offensive in their habits we are in a most unenviable position. The proposed regulations will not be as objectionable to Chinese as some of the sanitary laws to which they have been subjected, and I hope the Government, now that they have taken up the subject, will see it to a satisfactory conclusion.

Different men, different appellations. The Hon. Mr. Hewitt has the honour of introducing a little variety into the formalities of debate in the august chamber of the Legislative Council. I see that on Thursday he referred to the Hon. Mr. Gresson as the "hon. member nearest the door." I wonder if he attached any significance to the locality?

As an expert in the art of asking awkward questions Mr. Shelton Hooper has few equals. His latest exploit was at the Sanitary Board on Tuesday last when he innocently wanted to know what had become of their secretary. The acting President was dumfounded. He fumbled with the papers in his hand, looked at the Vice-President opposite for inspiration, but the latter only smiled, and the silence that ensued was painful. Then the Artful One intimated that he did not wish to press for an answer, and this gave relief to the youthful head of the department who looked pleased to have an opportunity of escaping from the predicament.

The Government were not slow to see the point of Mr. Hooper's query. I notice the *Daily Press* supplied the answer the following day and told where Mr. Woodcock was located, but the official announcement was not made until the publication of the *Gazette* on Saturday. I suppose Mr. Hooper will read the Government a lesson on their lack of courtesy and make them promise to be more circumspect in future.

The Colony has had a surfeit of amusement during the past week. Two performances by the A.D.C. two by the Bandman Comedy Company, a Centipede Dance, a dance on the *Fuerst Bismarck*, and finally a dance at the Peak Club, to say nothing of the private dances. Is it any wonder that the ladies are "run down" at the end of the winter and feel they cannot face the trying summer? But "it's all good for trade," says my friend the Shipping Clerk.

By the way, I hear that the A.D.C. intend to give two more performances of "The Country Girl" during the Race week, and I hear whispers that they are getting up "Mice and Men" for still earlier production.

More man has been vanquished. He has been driven from his entrenchments of superiority and compelled to grant concessions to his conqueror. Woman lovely woman at length is to have a vote—at least the Government have promised to do this for her, and the "won't be happy till she gets it" expression ought to be removed from their sweet faces. No longer will the dear creatures talk of lace and furbelows and babies and things; their speech will henceforth be garnished with political phraseology, and a woman will by-and-by be as well acquainted with tariff reform, the need of a strong army, and questions of foreign policy as with what is worn in London and Paris.

Aye women are "little ostle." The observation is trite, I admit, but it recalls to my mind the re-writing of one of Burns poems. It was:

When Adam slept God from him took
A bone, and as an omen
Made it like a seraph loom
And thus created woman.
He took this bone not from his pate
To show his power more ample
Nor from his foot to designate
That he on high might trample
But near his arm to clearly show
How much he should protect her
And near his heart to let him know
How much he should respect her.
He took this bone, crooked enough,
Most crooked of the human,
To show him, how much crooked stuff
You always find in woman.

We in Hongkong have just been taught that the cat is the friend of man, and people who did not possess a domestic feline have been induced to provide a home for one or more pussies. We have come to regard the cat as a necessity, though doubtless some Chinese might regard it as a luxury, and it was with some surprise that I read the other day that the French Chancellor of the Exchequer, in looking round for new sources of revenue, had decided to impose a tax upon cats. Cat lovers thereupon set up a wall of indignation. The President of the League of the Friends of Cats, who is also a poet and works with a cat on each knee, waxes satirical and asks: Will the tax collector look for the house cat under the bed or behind the pile of M.S.S. in the book case? His verdict is that the tax would be "undemocratic, detrimental to the public health, useless, and cruel." Another writer who loves cats approves of the tax because cats will be legally acknowledged. I refrain from adding any comment, lest the Hongkong Government, in trying to make ends meet, should take the hint.

ROBERT RANDOM.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG V. KOWLOON.

An interesting match was played between teams representing Hongkong and Kowloon on the Kowloon ground on Saturday, and resulted in a fairly easy win for Kowloon. The Hongkong team were not as strong as they might have been, some of their best players being required for the match on the Club ground against the Navy. Hongkong won the toss and elected to bat, leaving Kowloon 90 to beat, which they did with 5 wickets to spare. The features of the game were Haughton's brilliant score of 53 with only one chance, and Lipmann's bowling reading at one time 6 for 15, the last two overs being responsible for the other 15 runs. Mackenzie won the toss from Major Chitty, who was skipper of the Kowloon side through Lightfoot being on the sick list. Baird and Sill opened to the trundling of Lipmann. Baird scored a boundary off third ball, and a single off last ball of the over. Martin was put on at the opposite end. Baird scored 3 off his first ball, and Sill followed with a single. Baird placed the last delivery to leg for 3. Lipmann renewed the trundling, and clean bowled Baird with a stinger—12-1-11. Fowler relieved, and played out the rest of the over. Sill lifted Martin to leg for 3, and after a single by Fowler, sent one to on for 4, and the next through the slips for another boundary. The over being responsible for 12, showed that Martin had not yet found his length. Lipmann at the opposite end was bowling well and keeping down the runs. Fowler drove Martin past point for 4, again to leg for another 4, and then for 3. The last ball of the over took Sill's leg stump—38-2-12. Lowe relieved, Fowler facing Lipmann and succumbing to the first ball, which broke in from the off—38-3-15. Mackenzie followed, and snicked a single through the slips. The next ball took Lowe's balls—39-4-0. Irving succeeded, and played out the rest of the over. Mackenzie sent a boundary through the slips and followed with a single. Irving followed suit. Lipmann's over was responsible for a couple. Mackenzie lifted Martin for 3, and Irving played out the rest of the over. Lipmann's first ball was played on by Mackenzie—50-5-10. Dashwood relieved, snicked a single, and Irving who was playing steady cricket played out the rest of the over. Haughton took up the trundling from Martin, Dashwood and Irving both scoring singles. Lipmann at the opposite end kept a splendid length and sent down a maiden. Dashwood drove one of Haughton's deliveries to the off for 3, Irving following with 4. Lipmann sent down another maiden. Next over Dashwood scored a boundary but in the succeeding one was caught behind the wicket off Lipmann—66-6-8. Pestonji relieved and scored a single. Irving snicked the next, which was touched by the wicket-keeper and finally taken in the slips—67-7-7. Taylor relieved and lifted a single, and then Taylor scored another boundary. Haughton took the ball and bowled Taylor with a Yorker—74-8-6. Libaud relieved and scored a few couples off both Haughton and Lipmann. Dixon took the ball from Lipmann, and scored Pestonji's wicket—90-9-5. Hagen relieved, and was caught in the slips off Dixon without scoring—90-10-0. Haughton and Sullivan for Kowloon faced Captain Baird. Haughton started with a boundary to leg, and played out the rest of the over. Pestonji took the ball at the opposite end and Sullivan drove one for 3, but succumbed to a later delivery—12-1-4. Dixon was the next man in. Haughton sent Baird to boundary, and followed with a single. The next over was responsible for a couple. Both bowlers were now keeping a good length. Haughton pulled one for 3 and Dixon followed with a single. Next over, Dixon playing forward to Baird, touched the ball and was secured behind the wicket—27-2-4. Lipmann, Dixon's successor, was clean bowled by a delivery from Baird, which broke in from the off. Mead was then called, but during his stay did not appear at all comfortable. Haughton on the other hand was playing splendid cricket. All through the innings were scored freely. Sill relieved Pestonji with the ball, and Haughton and Mead both scored off his deliveries. A little later Pestonji relieved Baird at the opposite end and took Mead's balls, thus breaking up the most useful partnership of Kowloon—71-4-14. Lowe followed, and after playing the first ball tipped one from Pestonji into the slips and was caught by Irving. Robinson relieved and stayed in long enough to help Haughton to make the winning hit. Kowloon thus won by 5 wickets. The match was played out and Kowloon's total reached 120. 27 of these being extras. Scores and analyses follow:—

Capt. Baird, b Lipmann 11
Lt. Sill, b Makin 12
C. A. Fowler, b Lipmann 15
A. E. Lowe, b Lipmann 10
A. Mackenzie, b Lipmann 10
E. A. Irving, b Haughton, b Lipmann 7
A. P. Dashwood, b Balderston, b Lipmann 8
E. Pestonji, b Hagen, b Dixon 5
H. H. Mead, b Haughton 5
C. G. Libaud, not out 10
E. C. Hagen, b Dixon 6
Extras 6
Total 120

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Lipmann 11 1 3 6
W. G. Martin 5 0 39 1
Lt. Haughton 6 1 17 1
W. G. Dixon 1 1 0 2

KOWLOON.
Lt. Haughton, b Baird 53
Jemdr. Sullivan, b Pestonji 4
W. Dixon, b Dashwood, b Baird 4
Lt. Lipmann, b Baird 14
T. H. Mead, b Pestonji 14
Lt. Irvine, did not bat 0
P. Lowe, b Pestonji 0
Major Chitty, not out 14
W. G. Martin, b Baird 0
Lt. Balderston, b Baird, b Fowler 0
J. P. Robinson, b Fowler 4
Extras 27
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THE NAVY.
Commander Lewis, b Stevens 4
Lieut. Mullenoux, b Pearce, b Hancock 27
Mr. Oliver, b Hancock, b Stevens 4
Mr. Johnston, b Hancock, b Stevens 4
Lieut. Stevenson, b Daniel, b Stevens 12
Lieut. Tweedie, b Claxton, b Stevens 21
Eng. Lieut. Edwards, b Makin 13
Sub-Lieut. Haddon, not out 13
Staff-Paymaster Wright, b Daniel, b 0
Sharpin 10
Rev. Jones, b Stevenson, b Sharpin 2
Lieut. Cranley, b Daniel, b Sharpin 10
Extras 10
Total 100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
R. Hancock 9 1 26 2
P. H. Stevens 8 1 33 4
H. D. Sharpin 6 1 11 4
H. E. Makin 6 1 21 1

H.K.G.C.
T. E. Pearce, b Lewis, b Tweedie 59
R. Hancock, b Oliver 20
C. D. Turner, b Oliver 30
H. E. Makin, not out 30
Extras 10
Total 229

H. Hancock, b D. Sharpin, W. E. L. Shenon, E. H. Hinds, P. H. Stevens, A. A. Claxton and W. J. Daniel did not bat.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Lieut. Mullenoux 11 1 38 2
Comm. Lewis 8 1 28 2
Sub-Lieut. Haddon 8 1 28 2
Staff-Paymaster Wright 2 1 16 1
Lieut. Tweedie 6 1 24 1
E. C. Oliver 1 1 6 1

C.S. "A" V. MR. BROWN'S TEAM.
The "A" team, aided by two masters, and Evans, an old boy, defeated the Civil Service by 65 runs.
J. McKay, run out 4
A. Beach, b Evans, b Brown 1
J. McKay, b Evans 0
A. Pile, b Peterson, b Brown 0
C. Buslett, b Evans, b Brown 0
P. Adams, b Witte, b Evans 18
H. Ellis, b Evans 3
H. Combs, b Vivasah, b Brown 5
J. Taylor, b Brown 0
A. Thorndill, b Evans 0
A. Davy, not out 2
Extras 1
Total 39

DIOCEAN SCHOOL.
W. H. Vivasah, b McKay, b McKay 12
G. E. Lacey, b Ellis, b Adams 23
A. O. Brown, b Combs, b Beach 8
J. Whitfield, b Combs, b Beach 8
G. Evans, b McKay, b Beach 22
H. Peterson, b Combs, b Adams 12
A. E. Jenkins, b Taylor 0
W. Hall, b Adams 0
G. Witte, b Adams 1
J. Yew, b Thorndill, b Adams 0
J. C. Anderson, not out 13
Extras 13
Total 104

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE V. TELEGRAPHS.
This match was played on the Civil Service ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, and ended in a quite unexpected win for the Telegraphs by 17 runs. Bird dismissed seven of the Telegraph batsmen for 27 runs, other three wickets falling to Witcheil for three runs. Peaks took seven of the Civil Service wickets for 27 runs, and Shields three for 28. Scores and analyses follow:—

TELEGRAPHS.
Day, b Barclay, b Bird 32
Day, b Bird 3
Young, b Bird 3
Lindsay, b Bird 6
Franklin, b Bird 12
Beattie, b Bird 12
Peake, b Bird 6
Watkinson, b Bird 6
Battiscombe, not out 0
Shields, b Bird, b Witcheil 0
Parker, b Bird, b Witcheil 0
Extras 4
Total 72

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Bird 12 4 26 7
Brett 4 1 22 0
Reed 4 1 17 0
Witcheil 4 1 3 3

C.S.C.
R. C. Witcheil, b Woods, b Shields 5
A. E. P. Raven, b Peake 0
E. B. Reed, b Day, b Shields 13
Dr. Atkinson, b Shields, b Peake 7
R. E. O. Bird, b Shields 1
P. A. Hinchliffe, b Peake 0
A. R. Sutherland, b Peake 24
F. B. Sutton, b Peake 0
E. C. Barclay, b Comp, b Peake 0
L. E. Brett, not out 0
Extras 4
Total 35

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Peake 9 1 27 7
Shields 7 1 23 8

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

BUFFS V. NAVAL YARD.

A good match was witnessed at the Valley on Saturday between the Buffs and the Naval Yard, there being little to spare between the teams as constituted. With the exception of a few lapses, the men on both sides played excellent football and worked well together. The Buffs were seen to greater advantage than in the match on the previous Saturday, having become more used to playing on the grass. The teams lined up as follows:—

Buff: Fitzpatrick; Ruler and Bartlett; Dare, Wren and Tamsett; Kelly, Drew, Taylor, Brewster and Barker.
Naval Yard: Whiteaway; Joughan and Bacon; Dunlevy, Glover and Harding; Cutler, Ransay, Wilks, Coyne and Dalziel.

The Buffs set the leather in motion and immediately assumed the aggressive, sharp p'ny succeeding in Naval Yard territory. Then the left of the Naval Yard forward line got away, and Coyne essayed a shot at goal, but without success. The Buffs then led the attack, and a low, sharp shot by Drew defeated the Naval Yard keeper. The re-start saw some pretty play by Coyne and Dalziel, the latter finishing with a good centre. Ransay took the shot, but was ruled offside. Before the Naval Yard net a penalty kick was given against Glover. From this nothing resulted and a corner kick which succeeded was unproductive. Barker followed by placing a good centre, but Taylor was ruled offside, as he attempted to take it. Fast and exciting play continued in Naval Yard territory, Barker showing off conspicuously for good work. After a transient visit to the Buffs' citadel the soldiers were conceded a corner, the Naval Yard keeper just tipping the ball over the horizontal. Two corners which succeeded were cleared and the leather was driven to midfield when the half was announced.

Half-time: Buffs 1; Naval Yard, 0.

The opening of the second half saw the Dock team again on the defensive, a determined assault on their citadel culminating by Drew again netting. The odds against them appeared to stimulate the Naval Yard men to greater exertion, and they pushed the leather into Buff territory. Glover attempted a long shot, but the ball landed on top of the net. Still the Naval men continued to besiege the soldiers' stronghold, which was held by stubborn defenders. The keeper was defeated, however, after a sharp struggle almost in goalmouth, Wilks directing the ball truly and being greeted with great applause by Naval Yard supporters. From the succeeding play, which was mostly in favour of the Naval Yard, there was every appearance of a drawn game. Coyne, Dalziel, Wilks and Glover were doing splendid work for their team, especially the latter, who was always in the right place when the Buffs attempted to break away. But their stubborn attack was met with as determined a defence by the Buff guardians, Ruler and Dare playing an excellent game. The score was unchanged when the whistle sounded.

Final: Buffs, 2; Naval Yard, 1 goal.

B.O.C. V. R.G.A.

The Boys Own Club made their debut in senior football on Saturday under the auspices of the League, but fortune did not attend their entry and they found themselves defeated in their first match by ten goals to nil. The R. G. A. were far too strong for them. They were bigger and heavier than the youngsters, some of whom are still at school. Still the Boys played a plucky game. They showed a sound knowledge of football, but their forwards, although fairly speedy, evidenced a disinclination to tackle their opponents. This did not apply to all, as one or two showed up pretty well. Their backs gave a good account of themselves and the goal-keeper did pretty well, though he made several mistakes. On one occasion he was through the goal when he stepped an easy shot but the referee had no option but to award the point to the soldiers. The Boys played with plenty of dash at first, but after their colours had been lowered once or twice they fell off a little. In the first half the soldiers scored five goals and the same number in the second, while their opponents were unable to penetrate Beasley's charge. The R.G.A. might have added one or two additional points to their total had their forwards steeled themselves when delivering the parting kick. The Boys had one or two good attempts at goal but their final shots lacked strength. Sapper Haigh refereed the match. The teams were:

R.G.A.—Beasley; Waters and Broughton; Weaver, Hedson and Symonds; Crump, Macfarlane, Watts, Bellis and Nash.
Boys—Perera; Abbas and White; Chumnynt; Khan and Laitao; Remedios, Goldenberg, Y. Abbas, Siquiera and Baptista.

Y.M.C.A. V. R.A.M.C.

The R.A.M.C. were at home to the Y.M.C.A. on the second engagement of the League season. It will be remembered that the R.A.M.C. were the only team to secure the full points in last Saturday's opening stages of the League contests and were expected to get at least 1 point on the Military ground on Saturday. McCubbin won the toss and put the Medicals to face a strong sun. Six minutes from the start the Medicals found the net, Crewe scoring. Van Ginkel muddled and gave the Medicals their opening account. This reverse put some life into Y.M.C.A. and two minutes after saw them pressing vigorously, but after one or two hard shots at goal the R.A.M.C. took up the running and found McCubbin as sure as ever, and were sent back to help their half in midfield play. Clements got possession and tripping Simpkins and Refers scored with a low stinging shot. R.A.M.C. 1; Y.M.C.A. 1. From the restart the Y.M.C.A. took up the offensive and it could be seen they meant business. The combination of Wilson and Kelly on the right was splendid; whenever either of them got possession it was taken down the field and sent right across to the centre forward, Stalbe, who could not do anything with it when he got it; hence several good openings

were wasted. Barr (R.A.M.C.) tackled well and got in some fine work. Wharton was easily best half on the field. Having robbed Hill he passed on to Storrie who sent on to Kelly. The latter transformed it with a good run to vary near the goal line and sent on to Wilson who scored with fine judgment. Y.M.C.A. 2; R.A.M.C. 1. For some time the R.A.M.C. pressed determinedly without getting any success. The whistle blew for half time with the Y.M.C.A. leading 2-1.

Half-time: Y.M.C.A. 2; R.A.M.C. 1.

The second half was very tame. The Y.M.C.A. got the upper hand and pressed practically the whole time. The Y.M.C.A. halves seemed to want to play forward as they were to be seen continually taking the ball up beyond their own forwards. The result of these selfish tactics was that they were robbed of the ball instead of letting it go to their forwards who were waiting with good openings. Wharton and Storrie were the chief offenders. Midway through the second half Hunter passed nicely to Bishop who took it along a little and put in a shot that puzzled the goalkeeper, who did not expect an attempt from so difficult an angle. He never got his hands near it. Y.M.C.A. 3; R.A.M.C. 1. Atkins only handled the ball about twice in the second half, but Foulkes at the other end had a very busy time. The game ended in a well deserved win for the Y.M.C.A. It was a remarkably clean game and played in best sporting spirit. The Y.M.C.A. defence deserve a good deal of praise, prominent for them being McCubbin and Wharton. The forwards are improving, but badly need a good pivot who can gather the ball in front of goal and find the net. The opportunities are there, but not the forward. For the R.A.M.C. Wind, Foulkes, and Barr played a sound game. The Y.M.C.A. have now 3 points out of a possible 4 and R.A.M.C. 2. Corl Edwards of the Buffs supervised the game and proved a very sound referee. He knew the rules and, what is most important, how to apply them. Result Y.M.C.A. 3; R.A.M.C. 1.

R.E. V. LUSITANO F.C.

Lusitano won the toss and defended the bottom goal. For about five minutes of the opening stages Lusitano pressed and seemed to be in good form, but a foul for hands against them sent them back. The free kick was well placed right in the goal mouth. Morrish had no difficulty in scoring and drawing first blood for the Engineers. Another foul for hands against the Lusitano Club followed. The Engineers pressed from the free kick but shot wildly. Lusitano again took up the running but were pulled up for offside. From the free kick Morrish again got possession and only missed the goal by a few inches. Hyndman and Ribeiro were kicking too wildly to save off such determined forwards as Morrish and Meany. From a return by Ribeiro Morrish scored the best goal that has been scored for some time on the Military ground. Goals never had a chance with it—R.E., 2; L. F. C. 1. Hyndman was hard pressed and had to concede a corner. The kick was beautifully placed and went straight into goal but it had touched Noone and a goal kick was given. Directly after Meany found the net with a well directed shot—R.E., 3. Lusitano, O. Lusitano had a turn at attacking but was too slow in front of goal. The R.E. backs cleared and Morrish shot hard; the goal keeper saved but did not clear very well and Jackson scored the Engineers 4th goal R. E., 4; Lusitano, 0. Hands against Lusitano again gave the Engineers a good opportunity but playing about in front of goal does not win a game and they could not score. Half time found ball in midfield.

Half-time: R.E. 4; Lusitano, 0.

The second moiety was very slow the R.E. pressing the whole time. Lusitano had a few rushes, but Coxon and Beardmore were very sure and could not be caught napping. It was noticed that the Lusitanos changed their goal keeper, Silva taking charge, and, judging by his display, he should always keep goal. He saved his side from a very heavy defeat and cleared in splendid style. After some pressing the R.E. had two corners and scored their fifth goal through Morrish. R. E., 5; Lusitano, 0. Whilst R.E. were taking things easy, Lusitano rushed away and found Beardmore playing the acrobat. Ivanovich scored for Lusitano. R.E., 5; Lusitano, 1. The R.E.'s have Beardmore to thank for it. He seemed to want to talk about instead of playing football at the latter end of the game. The game ended in an easy victory for the R.E.'s by 4 clear goals—R.E., 5; Lusitano, 1. Gunner Marsh proved a very efficient referee.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.G.A.	1	1	0	0	10	2	3
Y.M.C.A.	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Naval Yard	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Buffs	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Royal Engineers	2	1	0	1	6	2	3
R.A.M.C.	2	1	1	0	2	3	2
Lusitano	2	0	2	0	1	6	0
B.O.C.	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

NAVY LEAGUE.

"BEDFORD" V. "ASTREA"
This match in the Navy League attracted a good following, the tars from the respective ships giving their representatives on the field plenty of encouragement. A good game ended in a win for the Bedford by one goal to nil.

H.K.F.C. V. H.M.S. "KENT"
A friendly soccer match was played on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley on Saturday between teams representing the Club and H.M.S. Kent. A good game ended in a win for the sailors by two goals to one.

SCHOOL LEAGUE.

The junior competition in the Schools League started a week ago. Eight teams have entered, viz.—Queen's College, St. Joseph's College, Ellis Kadoorie, Diocesan, Victoria, Yennatui, Wanchai and Sanyuen Schools. The list of fixtures shows that the competition should be completed by the end of March. For the senior league three teams have entered, namely Queen's College, St. Joseph's College and Diocesan School. The first match, between Diocesan School and St. Joseph's, is fixed for January 6th.

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RUGBY.

H.K.F.C. V. NAVY.
This match was played on Saturday in the presence of a large number of spectators and provided throughout a brisk, interesting game interrupted perhaps rather often by the umpire who too frequently had to call both sides to order for their apparent disregard of the essentials of keeping on side and scrumming-up where ordered.

The Club team was as follows:—Back: E. I. Shaw. Three-quarters: F. G. Carroll, A. A. Claxton, A. S. Kempthorne, A. E. Wood-Halves: L. L. Blackburn, and W. S. Home. Forwards: H. G. C. Bailey, C. C. F. Cunningham, F. C. Hall, H. S. Lester, P. Linton, G. D. McIlraith, W. B. Stanton and E. D. C. Wolfe. For the Navy there were the following players:—Back: Phillips. Three-quarters: Crowley, Cobby, Matters and Shaw. Halves: King and Hamilton. Forwards: Rowbottom, Heathcote, Martin, Keft, Hicks, Medland, Morrissey and Onell.

In the first half the Club faced the sun and for a time played well on to the ball, but one or two offside mistakes lost them considerable ground and the aggressive attitude of the Soldiers combined with a steady defence kept the ball for the rest of the time in the Club's half, and although they passed the attack once or twice, the Navy soon forced the play again across the line. Several good attempts on the part of the Club to break away were made and it was unfortunate when Claxton after a fine run missed the opportunity through lack of support.

At half time neither side had scored, but each appeared to have reserve strength ready for use after the interval. Immediately after half time the Navy, determined on scoring, played a swift game and in a few minutes Shaw secured a try which was followed by a goal to the delight of their supporters. The rest of the game was simply a succession of scrums generally "five yards" for the play was concentrated with very few exceptions within the Club's quarter line, and many were the occasions that the Navy seemed certain to score, but at last King managed to rush across the line just in time to fall on it and increase the score. This time however the kick for the goal was unsuccessful. The Club now seemed unable to withstand the attack of the Soldiers, and although Home, McIlraith and one or two others seemed to gain a temporary advantage, Phillips on the other side, invariably stopped their attempts and by well directed kicks returned the ball to the starting point. The Navy maintained the aggressive and a little before the time expired Shaw cleared a field goal thus bringing the score to 12 to nil. It is worthy of mention that on several occasions the Club were unfortunate in having some of their players temporarily disabled but in every instance, excepting Claxton's, they were able to resume.

BILLIARDS.

A match between the 83rd Co. R.G.A. and the Staff was played at Lyceum on Friday night, the result being a win for the 83rd Co. by 153 points. Each team was composed of four players and the game was 600 up, each pair playing 150.

THE IMPERIAL RESCRIPT.

TOO LITERALLY FOLLOWED.

Under the heading "Frugality and Diligence Misunderstood" the *Ozaka Asahi* has an article giving the result of inquiries made regarding what is being done in educational circles in Osaka to carry out the Imperial Rescript on frugality and diligence. Our contemporary finds that the director of the Kita Oye Elementary School, in the East Ward, distributed among the children on the Imperial birthday, instead of the usual cakes, tin savings boxes, on which were printed a copy of the Rescript and a table of interest on money for 50 years. The boxes were distributed with the object of encouraging the children to save money to carry out the Imperial advice. None of the other schools have gone to such an extreme in their observance of the Rescript. In most of them the children are exhorted to observe frugality and to work hard without thought of return. Girls especially are instructed to avoid extravagance. In the girls' schools, from the female normal school down to the elementary schools, the principle of thrift is reiterated. Girls are told not to wear silk kimono or even silk ribbons. This is all very well, says our contemporary, but already not a few ladies—wives and daughters of families in good position—are wearing cotton dress merely to make a parade of their observance of the Rescript. This negative interpretation is not confined to female educational circles. The authorities of the Osaka-Fu Government, deeming it better to dispense with the opening ceremony of a Middle School, struck out the estimate therefore which appeared in the Budget. Again, the Education Society of a certain district has abandoned a proposed sporting function for schoolboys, though the expenses would have cost the boys only six sen a head.—*Japan Chronicle*.

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1908. [1649]

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THE RECENT CRISIS IN GERMANY.

(SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.)

November 17th.

The present crisis in the constitutional history of Germany seems of sufficient importance to warrant my continuing the account of the debates in the Reichstag on the so-called "Interview."

After the Chancellor had sat down, one of the leaders of the Centre moved the adjournment of the House, but finding no support, went on to state in more trenchant language than had been used hitherto, the views of himself and his friends in the matter, concluded by reading a somewhat lengthy declaration, deprecating the personal interference of the Kaiser in State affairs and calling for remedial measures.

Friedrich von Gumpelmann, belonging to one of the Conservative parties followed; he said that, speaking for his party, they fully concurred in what had been said on the subject by others. It was to be deplored that so highly gifted a sovereign, as the Kaiser, to whom the working classes were so deeply indebted for promoting social and colonial legislation in their favour, should be at variance with the majority of his people, and had professed so little by previous experiences. He believed the reason was that since the retirement of Prince Bismarck, men had occupied the office of Chancellor, who had lacked the firmness necessary to defend their constitutional rights and duties against encroachment. This had rendered Prince Billow's position on entering office extremely difficult and he therefore thought that the attacks levelled against him on the present occasion not altogether justified; some of the members of the Foreign Office were, in his opinion, far more deserving of censure. He sincerely hoped this might prove a turning point in the life of the Kaiser. Prince Billow had assured them that he had gained the conviction, that he would exercise greater restraint in future but what guarantee had he to offer? His successor might be a general imbued with the spirit of implicit obedience to his lord and master, in which case fresh conflicts would become inevitable. An extension of the powers of the Reichstag had been demanded by some of the speakers, but he was inclined to believe that, though in matters of paramount importance the many parties constituting the Reichstag would not doubt act in concert; there were too many of them to be able to strongly influence the Government on ordinary occasions. Parliamentary Government besides was not in accord with the feelings of the majority of the nation nor with the federal constitution, and prejudicial to the interests of the people. His party would therefore oppose any steps in that direction. The Kaiser might feel sorely disappointed that the interview had not produced the desired effect, but German diplomacy had, in his opinion, received no rebuff and the Chancellor still enjoyed to the full the confidence of foreign governments. They therefore wished him to remain at the helm and hoped that he would follow in the footsteps of the great Chancellor Prince Bismarck, and avoid conflicts by sparing the susceptibilities of other nations and by seeking to smooth over difficulties instead of exacerbating them. The Germans were a peaceful race whom only a great national cause would move to war, but in the words of the great Chancellor, Germans feared nobody but the Lord Almighty.

Perhaps the most important of all the speeches was that by Herr Hausmann of the "German People's Party" being, if the newspapers are to be believed, the truest interpretation of the national sentiments. He said that since Christmas last year little had happened of a cheering nature, but the spontaneous manifestation of the sentiment of national unity displayed on the occasion of the disaster to Count Zeppelin's airship had wiped away many of the painful recollections of the past. The present debates would be memorable in German history, for it had shown in the interpellations, and in the discussion of them a unanimity of views and feelings such as had rarely been witnessed; it was grand and a proof that the Reichstag was not quite as powerless as was sometimes supposed. It justified the hope that continuing in the same course, they might still succeed in repairing some of the errors committed in the past. Nobody had attempted to defend the act of the Kaiser and he tendered his sincere thanks to the members on the right for not standing aside, and to the speakers on the left for not indulging in Utopian utterances. Not a word in vindication of the Emperor had been heard from the Bundesrath or the representatives of the several State governments, and he felt sure that in official circles in Berlin there were many who rejoiced that disapproval had been so frankly expressed by all parties. The Chancellor himself had admitted that harm had been done, and throughout the whole nation, even in the army, the same feeling prevailed. The Kaiser, who on a certain occasion had declared that he would not tolerate pessimists, had now created them by millions. Prince Billow had stated that the harm done might still be repaired, but in that case the source from which the evil had sprung would have to be stopped. He had suggested that the interview might not have been accurately reported in all its particulars, but they wanted to be sure of this, and were anxiously awaiting a reassuring message from the Emperor, but perhaps he too had not read the reports. The Chancellor thought the colours might have been laid on too thick, both with regard to the plan of campaign and the proposal of an intervention of the Powers during the Boer war, but he had omitted to state who had laid on the colours too thick; would not the English suppose it to have been the Kaiser and they did not like to hear their sovereign spoken of as one who indulged in exaggerations. He agreed with Prince Billow that the safest policy was the one that need fear no discretions but he should have added that such had been that pursued by Germany. It would have been

more satisfactory and would at the same time have implied a denial that the Government had been obliged, in order to prevent the publication of further revelations in the United States to buy up the entire edition of a periodical. The Chancellor had spoken of "misunderstandings"; they too wished to acknowledge that the German nation was not predisposed against England; their constituents bore her no ill-will; and they dared not go before them and say "We hate the English" for they admired their grand achievements and had never envied some of their institutions more than at the present moment. It was absolutely necessary that the Kaiser should be in closer touch with the leading men of the nation and these should not hesitate to speak their minds openly in his presence; so far he had only received such as re-echoed his own opinions.

National sympathies were apt to change; France and Russia her enemies of yore, were now England's fast friends. Englishmen did not understand the political interests of Germany and were unable, even with the best intentions, to judge them correctly. The cause of England's unfriendliness towards them was twofold: in the first place the rapid development of their industries and commerce, which made them formidable rivals in trade, and in the second the increase of their naval armaments. This was, however, a dire necessity; England had adopted the two-power standard for her navy; Germany, besides being obliged to maintain an army strong enough to confront an enemy on both her frontiers, was under the necessity of building up a powerful fleet for the defence of her sea-board and the protection of her trade. If Great Britain would realise that by constantly increasing her navy she was compelling Germany to do the same, an understanding might be easily arrived at. There existed no hostile intentions on the part of Germany, and whoever asserted the contrary ought to be subjected to a medical examination! There was no war party in this country but there was one in England. War between the two nations would produce a general conflagration, which they had no reason to fear, but which they certainly did not desire. International disputes should be settled by other means than an appeal to arms and he regretted that Germany had so far not thought it expedient to conclude treaties to provide for the settlement of difficulties by arbitration. Prince Bismarck himself had said that war should not be waged for trifles! He would not deny that a "Yellow danger" really existed, but in a different sense from that usually attached to it. The industrial development of both China and Japan was such that at no distant date the two countries might be able to supply the limited wants of the people themselves, which would of course be felt by the working classes in Germany, but would not justify armed intervention. Nobody had ever denied the purity of the Emperor's motives nor his ardent patriotism, but the way in which he had manifested them had frequently caused serious anxiety amongst the people, and it could not be said that he had succeeded in enlisting foreign sympathies for Germany. The Chancellor had used several expressions, which the Kaiser might take as approving of what he had done; this must be guarded against. The Chancellor had stated his conviction, a conviction borne in upon him during these anxious days, that the Kaiser would henceforth observe greater reticence in private conversations; but they required more than that; they wanted the Chancellor to stand up in his place and to say: "I and the Kaiser have agreed that it shall be so." Had the past weeks been really anxious ones for the Kaiser? It was hard to refrain from bitter speech! for they one and all were of opinion that he should have been on the spot at so critical a moment, so as to be able to authorize Prince Billow to reassure the nation without delay.

Referring to the Foreign Office Herr Hausmann said that Prince Billow had attributed the incident to a temporary defect in the machinery and had promised that it should not happen again. But it had been more than that; it was symptomatic of what perhaps had been going on for the last twenty years and it was to be regretted that the Chancellor had not answered more fully the questions of the subject addressed to him by previous speakers. He had been told by a gentleman well able to judge that the members of the foreign office were as true as gold, but an administration whose motto had been *Regis voluntas suprema lex* (the words inscribed by the Kaiser in the Golden Book of the city of Munich) was not likely to produce officials of independent character.

Several speakers had urged the necessity of adopting measures for preventing the Kaiser from trying to influence the policy of the empire by private interviews. In his opinion it would be desirable that in future members of the Foreign Office be present on all such occasions in order to note the exact words.

An imperial ministry had become indispensable, and a law instituting ministerial responsibility imperative. Difficulties like the present were much more easily solved in the British parliament where questions with regard to the foreign policy of the cabinet could be put at any time. A cabinet minister should attend to the business of his department himself and be prepared to account for his doings. This would apply to the Chancellor as well, but his task would be made easier if he knew he had the support of a majority in the House, but he could count on no such majority in the Reichstag, for it was split up into too many parties who were accustomed to act independently of each other. He appealed to the Conservative parties who, in spite of universal suffrage had succeeded in returning a large number of members to the Reichstag, owing to the deep-rooted conservative sentiments of the people. One of them had declared that they put their trust in the Chancellor and the responsibility attached to his office, but if he was to be held responsible it was only fair that he alone should be entitled to determine the

policy of the country. After all that had happened it was impossible that the Conservatives should continue to defend "personal government." Constitutional ideas were spreading amongst the people, and if the present Reichstag did nothing to meet their wishes the next general election would have to be fought on that question. Party considerations must not rank above the welfare of the country. They were at that moment in a stronger position than ever because they had the entire nation behind them. An address to the Crown, however, could only produce the desired effect if unanimity prevailed amongst them, and he therefore commended it to their careful consideration whether it would not be looked upon as a noble deed by the nation if by such a step they succeeded in bringing about a change in the ideas of the Kaiser.

The debate did not end here but the speeches summarized above will suffice to give your readers a pretty correct idea of the situation and I will only add that the motion for an address was not carried.

At noon to-day Prince Billow was to be received by the Emperor, on his return from Donaueschingen. The result of the interview is awaited with keen anxiety, but when and in what form it will be published is hard to say as the Reichstag is not sitting to-night on account of to-morrow's holiday.

THE TRUE WEALTH OF NATIONS.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby, in a remarkable lecture to the Eugenics Education Society, said that we needed a new Imperialism which knew and taught that there was no wealth but life. Historians were beginning to learn that the reason why Athens and Rome fell was that the Athenians and the Romans degenerated. Nations were made, not of provinces or of property, but of people, and if the living foundations of an empire decayed nothing done to the superstructure could save it. The German care of childhood at the present day was an application of this supreme truth to practical politics. Since there was no wealth but life, it followed that the only wealth of nations was reduced to the last three times in a century, and raised up again in helpless infancy. It followed that the conditions of parenthood constituted the supreme factor in the destiny of nations. The quantity of parenthood was much less important than its quality. As to the birth rate, it was not the defective number, but the numbers of defectives that mattered. Owing to our present treatment of insane and defective-minded persons, the proportion of hopelessly defective children born was 3 per cent.—1 in 200—of whom the vast majority were children of defective parents, incurable epileptics and the like whose stock was being more richly represented in future generations than that of many of the best classes in the community. Eugenics (or good breeding) was the science of race culture, based upon the facts of human heredity. Those acquainted with these facts must preach a new imperialism and a new economics for they knew that the culture of the race was the vital industry of any nation. All the rest was mere shuffling of gold. The method of positive eugenics was education.

We must educate our young children, declared the speaker, to recognise their duties to the future in choosing their mates. We must educate our municipalities so that they shall not offer posts to persons having every virtue under heaven and then add the condition that such persons must not be married. We must not be married. We must try if possible to divert a portion of the enormous stream of voluntary charity, so as to aid the parents of worthy children, instead of, as at present, allowing most of it to result in the multiplication of defectives. There was room for legislation as well as education of public opinion. They must press for action, so that their duty to the unfortunate persons and to the future might be reconciled in their kind, permanent treatment and supervision throughout life. Everything was good, which furthered the making of a worthy race; everything was bad which fostered unworth.

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Colonial Secretary—Mr. J. D. Shackleton, 126.
Secretary for War—Mr. W. Thorne or Mr. O'Grady, 84.
Secretary for India—Mr. H. M. Hyndman, 126.
First Lord of the Admiralty—Mr. F. W. Jewett, 84.
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—Mr. G. B. Shaw, 110.
Chief Secretary for Ireland—Mr. Pete Curran, 114.
Secretary for Scotland—Mr. G. N. Barnes, 138.
President of the Board of Trade—Mr. Sidney Webb, 92.
President of the Local Government Board—Mr. Will Crooks, 139.
President of the Board of Education—Mr. R. J. Campbell, 96.
President of the Board of Agriculture—Mr. T. Sumnerbell, 90.
Postmaster-General—Mr. V. Grayson, 130.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich George & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 12th December, 1908, say:—During the week under review business has been very quiet, and there are but few changes in rates to report. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 8½d., while rates on Shanghai are 1s. 7½d. for a Bank T/T, and 1s. 7½d. for a three days' sight Private Draft, the rate in Shanghai on this for a three days' sight Private Bill being 1s. 7½d. Consols 233½ or interest. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains 2½ per cent., while the private market rate of discount is 2½ per cent.

BANK SHARES.—A few Hongkong & Shanghai sold at 8850, but more shares are on offer, while offers to buy at 8845 found no response; the London rate is £82. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions have advanced further, buyers offering 8825. China Traders are unchanged. Yantzes are wanted at 8162½. North-China have been done at 1s. 102½. Cantons sold at 8195 and 8197½ and a few are wanted at 8195.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong are unchanged. Chinas have been done at various rates up to 8105, at which figure there are further buyers.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Shares changed hands at 829½ and 829, closing with sellers at 829½. Shell Transports are quiet at 47½. The London rate having receded to 47½. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done and rates are unchanged.

REFINERIES.—Unchanged and without sales. MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are unchanged. Raubs sold in fair quantities at 88 to 89½, closing with sellers at 89½. Chinese Engineering and Mining Coy's shares have advanced in the north to 1s. 16½.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Nothing has been done in local stocks, which show no change. Shanghai Docks have declined in the north again to 1s. 75, while Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have fluctuated a great deal, selling in Shanghai between 1s. 143 to 1s. 135 cash, and closing with buyers at 1s. 137½.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Kowloon Lands improved to 835, at which rate a few shares changed hands. Humphreys' Estates sold and have further sellers at 892. In other stocks under this heading there is no change to report and we have not heard of any sales.

COTTON MILLS.—Bwos are quoted 1s. 71 buyers. Internationals have improved in Shanghai to buyers at 1s. 60, Laon Kung Mow had enquiries at 1s. 70, and Seeyehes were in demand at 1s. 250. Hongkong Cottons have sellers at 810.

SUNDRY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—China Light and Powers have sellers at 85½. Green Island Cements sold and are obtainable at 810. In other stocks under this heading no sales have been reported, and rates are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Without any local sales. Langkats are quoted 1s. 890. Campbell, Moore and Company's are wanted at 89½. Robinson Piano Company's shares have sellers at 859. Watsons could be placed at 894. Other stocks under this heading show no change in rate.

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MANILA	"TEAN"	On 15th Dec., 3 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"YOHOW"	On 15th Dec., 4 P.M.
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"KUEICHO"	On 17th Dec., 4 P.M.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 22nd Dec., 3 P.M.

MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.

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REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage apply to—
Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"KWONGSANG"	Monday, 14th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TINGSANG"	Tuesday, 15th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 16th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Thursday, 17th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Monday, 21st Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 25th Dec., 4 P.M.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "YUENSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan, if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang. Telephone No. 61.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
TAMSUI via SWATOW	"JOSHIN MARU"	TUESDAY, 15th Dec., at 8 A.M.
AMOI	Capt. Y. KAWABAKI	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"BUJUN MARU"	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at 8 A.M.
AMOI & FOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUSERO	
ANPING via SWATOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at 8 A.M.
AMOI	Capt. IICHI	

* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivaled Table.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1908.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 15th Dec., at NOON.
Capt. A. E. Hodgins		

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1908.

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Hongkong, 24th November, 1908.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	WAKASA MARU	6265	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight
PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SAITO MARU	6227	WED'DAY, 6th Jan., 09 at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI	TOSA MARU	6227	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon
MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	SHINANO MARU	5928	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	NIKKO MARU	6388	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon
via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU	5539	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon
SHANGHAI and KOBE	TOTOMI MARU	5076	MONDAY, 14th December
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	YEBOSHI MARU	3412	TUESDAY, 17th December
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	3798	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon

* Omitting Yokohama.

* Fitted with Marconi's System of Wireless Telegraphy.
† Cargo only.
‡ Through Passengers Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

For Further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

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EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI.

RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.,

ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOCK.

SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Beginning of Jan., 09
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"YEDDO"	Middle of Jan., 09

For Further Particulars apply to
Hongkong, 10th December, 1908.MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,
via STRAITS and COLOMBO,
to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Sea and Baltic Ports, and all North and South American Ports. Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.	HOMeward.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
S.S. BARCELONA	S.S. SCANDIA
S.S. ANDALUSIA	22nd Dec.
S.S. SLAVONIA	
S.S. SAXONIA	
S.S. SPEZIA	

Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong, 30th November, 1908.

Hongkong Office.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light, Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA

STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Bodger	Manila	On 19th Dec., Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 26th Dec., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	SHANGHAI	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	Second half of Dec.
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	First half of Jan.
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of Febr.	SHANGHAI	First half of Febr.
TJIBODAS	JAVA	First half of Febr.	JAPAN	First half of Febr.

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

York Buildings, 1st Floor.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.

Telephone No. 375.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COY.

S.S. "MACEDONIA."

10,500 TONS.

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON VIA BOMBAY WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MARCH 20th, 1909, STAYING AT BOMBAY 24 HOURS ONLY AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT—

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FARES TO LONDON:—

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2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 24th November, 1908.

PASSENGER SEASON 1909.

IN 25 DAYS TO ITALY

BY THE

MAGNIFICENT N.D.L. LINERS:

TONS REG.

"PRINCESS ALICE" - 10,911 - ON MARCH 10TH.
Capt. G. ROTT.
"KLEIST" - 9,000 - ON MARCH 24TH.
Capt. R. MEYER.
"PRINZ LUDWIG" - 9,630 - ON APRIL 7TH.
Capt. F. V. BINZER.

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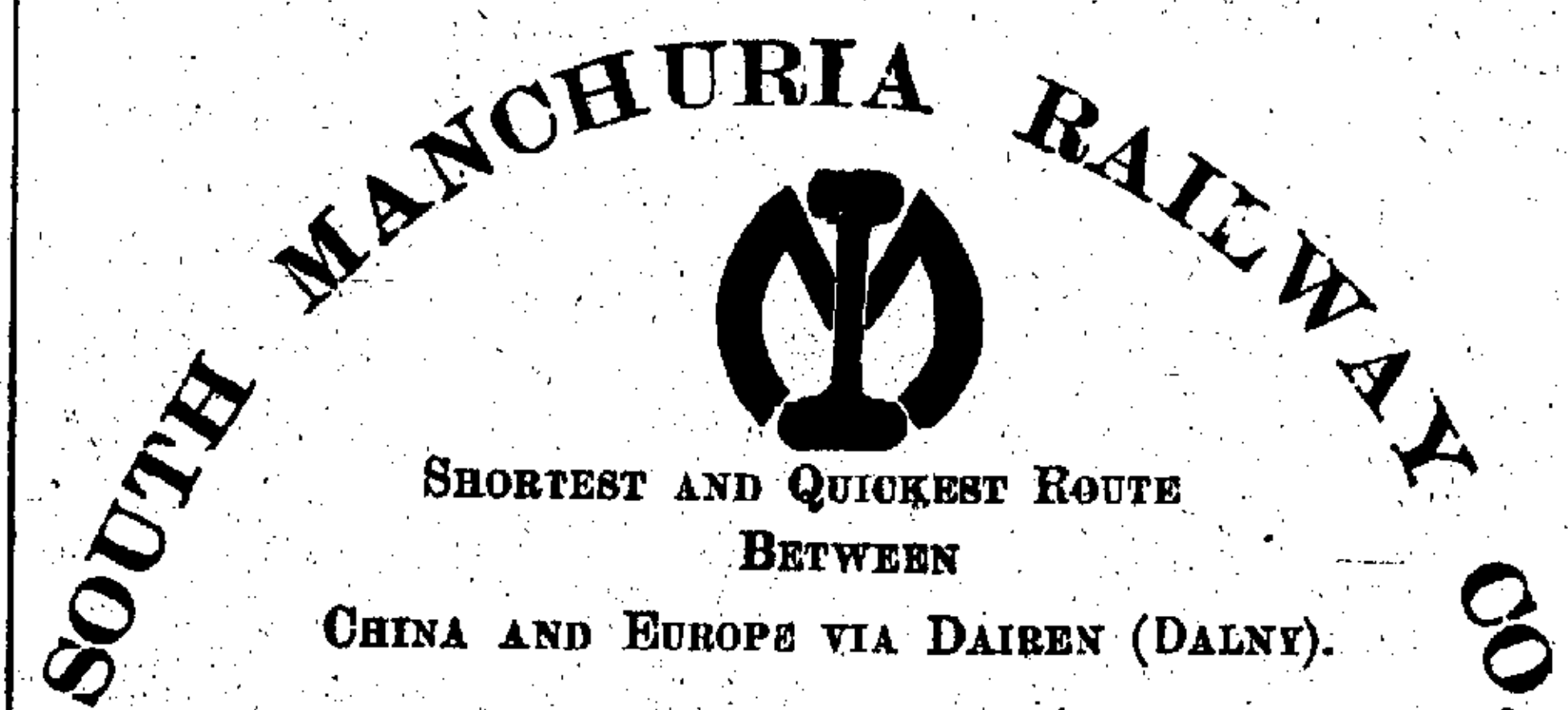
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1908.

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Japan Office:—
14, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.
 17th December... at 8.30 a.m.
 25th December... at 10.00 a.m.
 31st December... at 8.30 p.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hainan and Haiphong	Chitli	Monday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Suanley	Monday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Nyngoo	Monday, 14th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Koongang	Monday, 14th, 4.00 P.M.
Rangoon	Haidan	Monday, 14th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Ischia	Tuesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore and Penang	Haidang	Tuesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Tungang	Tuesday, 15th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore	Tenka	Tuesday, 15th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore and Penang	Kochoa	Tuesday, 15th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore and Penang	Kutang	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji		Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
		(Registration with letter of 10.45 A.M.)
		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
		No late fee.
		11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Choyang	Thursday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and Sourabaya	Auschoo	Thursday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland	Nicomedia	Friday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Kaifong	Friday, 18th, 3.00 P.M.
Cebu and Iloilo		
SWANSEA, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, YOKOHAMA AND VANCOUVER (B.C.)		
A Supplementary mail will be closed on board at 8.30 a.m. on the day of departure (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA.)		
Empress of India		Friday, 18th, 6.00 P.M.

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30 CENTS PER LB.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, December 12th.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Alkama	Rs. 200	Nominal
Bank		
Hongkong & S'hal	\$125	\$80, sellers
National B. of China	49	\$51, buyers
Ball's Asbestos E.A.	120	\$8, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	712	\$11, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$54, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$9.75, buyers
Cotton Mills		
Ewo	Tls. 50	Tls. 71
Hongkong	\$10	\$10, sellers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 60, buyers
Leung Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 70, buyers
Singapore	Tls. 600	Tls. 250, buyers
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$224
Docks and Wharves	\$50	\$44, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$51, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$24	\$24
New Amoy Dock	\$100	Tls. 75, sellers
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 100	Tls. 137
S'hai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas	210	\$180, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$18, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$80, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$230, sellers
H. K. Milling Co., Ltd.	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$10
Insurance		
China Fire	\$50	\$1974, sales
China Traders	\$25	\$105, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$340, sellers
North China	25	Tls. 105, buyers
Union	\$100	\$225, buyers
Yangtze	\$50	\$160, buyers
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$93, sellers
Hampshire's Estate	\$50	\$94, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$10	\$35
Shanghai Land	Tls. 60	Tls. 116
Westpoint Building	\$50	\$40, sellers
Mining		
Charbonnages	Rs. 250	\$550, buyers
Baile	18/10	\$9, sales
Peak Tramways	\$10	\$12
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$8, sellers
Rederies		
China Sugar	\$100	\$1124
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$20, sellers
Robinson Piano Co.	\$50	\$60, sellers
Steamship Companies		
China and Manila	\$25	\$14, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$80, buyers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$294, sellers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	25	\$37, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	\$10	\$14
Star Ferry	\$10	\$15, buyers
Do. New	\$5	\$15, buyers
South China M. Post	\$25	\$24
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$5, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$9, sellers
Powell & Co., Wm.	\$7	\$4, sellers
Watkins	\$10	\$2, sales
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$94, buyers
Weissmann, Ld.	\$100	\$150
United Asbestos	\$4	\$124
Do. Founders	\$10	\$230
Union Waterboat Co.	\$10	\$10, buyers

VERNON & SMYTH.

OPIUM.

December 12th.

Quotations are—		
Malwa New	\$1.130	per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1.190	"
Malwa Older	\$1.200	"
Malwa V. Old	\$1.220	"
Persian fine quality	\$850	"
Persian extra fine	\$950	"
Patna New	\$1.090	per chest.
Patna Old	\$1.120	"
Benares New	\$1.010	"
Benares Old		"

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 14th to 20th, 1908.

Day	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon.	14	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Tue.	15	0.19	4.8	0.19	4.8
Wed.	16	0.19	4.8	0.19	4.8
Thurs.	17	0.19	4.8	0.19	4.8
Fri.	18	0.19	4.8	0.19	4.8
Sat.	19	0.19	4.8	0.19	4.8
Sun.	20	0.19	4.8	0.19	4.8

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 13th.

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind Direction	Force	Rain
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0
30.14	80.23	80	E	2	0

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Steamer	From	To	Date
Arcturion	Swatow	Shanghai	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
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Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th
Arcturion	Shanghai	Swatow	11th

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 11th—Yanquebar, Bellerophon, Polymerie, Princess Alice, Yunnan.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.	FROM	TO	DATE
BAN-TEX, American str.	329, D. Francisco	Swatow	11th
Fahrigor, 5th Nov.	Manila	Swatow	11th
Sugar-Order			
C. DIDERICHSEN, German str.	1064, Kayser	9th December	Haiphong 6th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
CHITREY, Chinese str.	1133, C. Stewart	10th Dec.	Shanghai 6th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
CLARA JENSEN, German str.	1103, Bendisen	10th December	Haiphong 7th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
CLARA JENSEN, German str.	2085, Gmt.	10th Dec.	Cardiff 14th Oct.
General-Jensen & Co.			
EMPEROR OF INDIA, British str.	3032, E. Beetham	10th Dec.	Manila 10th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
FAUSANG, British str.	1410, Malmk.	11th Dec.	Hongkong 8th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
FEICHOY, Chinese str.	980, Jarmine	11th Dec.	China 6th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
FR. Norwegian str.	860, C. Wagle	17th Nov.	Manila 13th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
HILARY, German str.	1276, Hattie	4th Dec.	Paleo 29th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
HINSANG, British str.	1525, A. Smith	28th Nov.	Samarang 16th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
ISCHIA, Italian str.	3491, Relais	10th Dec.	Bombay 17th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
JOHANNES, German str.	922, T. Twissan	11th Dec.	Haiphong 6th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
JONAWANDA, British str.	2183, Trigg	8th Dec.	Haiphong 4th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
KAWACHI, Maru, Jap. str.	6100, H. Peterson	11th Dec.	Shanghai 4th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
KIANGHONG, Chinese str.	1002, Brisander	11th Dec.	Hongkong 6th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
KORICHLANG, German str.	1282, C. Rodigsky	5th Dec.	Bangkok 19th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
KWONGSANG, British str.	1428, Palmer Baker	8th Dec.	Shanghai 13th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
LENNOX, British str.	2261, F. M. Nair	16th Nov.	Shanghai 13th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
MANCHURIA, American str.	9750, J. W. Manichew	7th Dec.	Shanghai 10th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
MATHILDE, German str.	831, A. P. Uderup	10th Dec.	Haiphong and Hothow 8th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
MERAPI, Dutch str.	1598, E. Uldall	5th Dec.	Samarang 16th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
NINRO, British str.	1238, E. Richards	9th Dec.	Swatow 8th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
SWANLEY, British str.	2983, W. E. Steele	15th Nov.	Chingwang 9th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
TAKI, Maru, Jap. str.	3000, A. Mocker	28th Nov.	Bombay and Singapore 19th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			
TEAN, British str.	1346, A. W. Overbridge	11th Dec.	Manila 8th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
TELEMACHUS, British str.	1340, J. Williamson	11th Dec.	Saigon 4th Dec.
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USHER, British str.	2350, Perry	27th Oct.	Manila 23rd Oct.
General-Jensen & Co.			
YOOHAW, British str.	1305, Hyman	11th Dec.	Shanghai 7th Dec.
General-Jensen & Co.			
ZWERNIA, British str.	941, Ramsay	11th Dec.	Samarang 29th Nov.
General-Jensen & Co.			

SAILING VESSELS.

DAYLIGHT, British bark, 3,060, M. Bryde, 9th October—Yokohama 19th September, Ballast—Standard Oil Co.
 LYNDUR, British bark, 4,000, M. Bryde, 14th September—Bangkok 25th August, Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.

PASSENGERS.

Per Haiman, from Swatow, Messrs. Baring, and V. D. Bursack.
 Per King Sing, from Shanghai, Mrs. & Miss Corneil, and Children, and Mrs. Pereira.
 Per Haidang, from Fochow and Amoy, Miss Bivdian, Miss Harford, Messrs. Siekman and S. E. Siekman.
 Per Kungang, from Calcutta, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nicol and two children, Mrs. A. F. Carvichen, Miss A. E. Saxe, Miss E. W. Lister, Lieut. Cecil J. Wyatt, R.A.M.C., Major R. Ford D.S.O., C.C., Messrs. H. L. Crossman, and J. Polglase.
 Per Tosa Maru, from Japan, &c., for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, Mrs. M. Allin and baby, Capt. Groves, Messrs. A. G. Wasson, J. Uchigaki, Y. Dilgari, J. Bando, Y. Uehara, K. Miyake and Y. Wada; for Singapore, Mr. J. Holloway.
 Per Empress, from Melbourne, &c., for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. Kier, Mr. & Mrs. Hartman, Messrs. A. A. Murphy, E. W. Marshall, C. Higginbotham and Fogelgrin; for Shanghai, Mrs. and Miss Morgan, Miss Sards and Mr. T. B. Berolion; for Japan, Messrs. J. Grainger and Finn.
 Per China, for San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Jangyot, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliot, and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrington, Mrs. Shoo, Mrs. J. Gillis, Mrs. G. C. Hine, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bay, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Anderson, L. T. Ellis, Mrs. O. P. Downing, Mrs. A. Henderson, Miss M. F. Appleton, Miss L. P. Lammie, Miss V. Huntington, Miss N. Wieden, Miss D. C. Cline, Miss E. Ferguson, Rev. Bishop Honrich, Rev. J. Grainger, Major A. W. Yates, Sister C. Arago, Messrs. C. F. Wright, A. H. Hort, J. R. Harvey, N. Peterson, T. Vids, E. Dosa, L. T. V. Ferrero, R. R. Reid, G. Moore, S. Mikami, G. Ramirez, L. P. Lawler, C. Smith and C. Poner.

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 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned Goods remained unclaimed after Monday the 14th Dec. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
 All claims must be sent to me on or before the 14th Dec. or they will not be recognized.
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 Goods not cleared by the 17th inst. at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
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